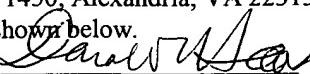


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RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

The Applicants hereby file this response to the final rejection of October 19, 2005, and request continued examination in view of the remarks and the enclosed declaration under Rule 132. The claims present in this application are shown on the following pages.